Lawn Services that Offer Sustainable Practices

The Healthy Lawns Act was passed in Montgomery County that restricts the use of EPA- registered pesticides in the places where children are likely to be exposed. These restrictions will impact County homeowners in 2018. The Environment & Energy Committee is providing a list of lawn service contractors who can provide assistance to Village residents interested in organic garden and lawn care services.

The List is intended to focus on businesses that provide lawn services not architectural or garden design. For those Services see https://www/montgomerycountymd.gov/water/rainscapes/contracto rs.html. This list provides contractors who have been certified by Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) as a Green Certified Landscaping Business. This certification applies to a company's landscaping work within Montgomery County and encompasses a comprehensive set of operational aspects with a particular emphasis on the projects it designs, installs and/or maintains. Focus areas include organizational commitment, air quality, energy efficiency, waste management, environmentally preferable purchasing, integrated pest management, water and soil. There is an understanding that the DEP will not be certifying contractors since all contractors will be subject to the same standards for lawn care after January 1, 2018.

Other Companies are included in this list that are working in the Village but are not part of the Green Business Certification Program but are providing organic land care services.

- 1. A.I.R A Montgomery County Green Certified Landscaping Business 844 247-5296 http://contactair.today/services/
- 2. Green Scene Landscaping A Montgomery County Green Certified Landscaping Business 301 530-2418 www.greenscenelandscaping.net
- 3. Backyard Bounty- R A Montgomery County Green Certified Landscaping Business 301 204-1521 info@backyardbounty.net

- 4. Dancing Grass Designs LLC- A Montgomery County Green Certified Landscaping Business 301 349-4489 dancinggrassdesighns.com
- 5. Gracefully Green, LLC A Montgomery County Green Certified Landscaping Business 301 279-0234 ino@gracefullygreen.com
- 6. Solar Mowing- A Montgomery County Green Certified Landscaping Business 301 787-5018 dewitt@solarmowing.com
- 7. SavaLawn Full Service Lawn Care 301 545-1712 savatree.com/consults
- 8. Wray Brothers Full Service Lawn Care 301 654-5845 walter@wraybrotherslandscape.com

Companies that would like to be added to the list, please contact Dr. Marilyn Bracken at MarBracken@msn.com.

Questions for your Natural Lawn Contractor

- What is your experience?
- May I have reference?
- Do you have licenses and insurance?
- What are your professional affilations?
- Do you offer a natural, pesticide-free care program?
- What is your game plan?
- How will my lawn look?
- Can I get it in writing? Preset hourly rate, annual rate, time and materials??

Questions from Paul Tukey, The Organic Lawn Care Manual.